

Sunny and cold today. Partly cloudy and continued cold tomorrow. Today's high, 34. Down into the 20's tonight, and back to the 30's tomorrow.

JP'S ARREST SPURS RETURN OF FINE MONEY TO COUNTY OFFICE

Train Hits School Bus, 20 Are Dead

Spadaccino Heads Board At Hospital

John H. Spadaccino has been elected president of the Lower Bucks County Hospital's board of directors.

Other new officers and a new executive committee were also elected at the board's yearly organizational meeting held at the hospital Tuesday night, it was announced today.

Spadaccino, labor staff representative of the Bucks County United Services Federation, has been a member of the board of



JOHN H. SPADACCINO

directors since the organization of the hospital.

Spadaccino was active in the fund campaign of the hospital in 1961, 1963 and 1964 and has served on the executive, finance and other hospital committees. He has been active in Lower Bucks County's community affairs for many years and was recently elected chairman of the board of the Department of Public Assistance of Bucks County.

Many Activities

Spadaccino's activities include: Secretary of AFL-CIO Community Services Committee; member of the blood committee of the American Red Cross, Lower Bucks County Chapter; secretary of the Senior Citizens Association AFL-CIO Council; and delegate on the Bucks County AFL-CIO Council.

Spadaccino is a member of St. Ann's Holy Name Society. He lives at 307 Penn St., Bristol, with his wife Jennie and three children, Jo Anne, 19, John, 12, and James, 10 years old.

Other officers elected were Paul V. Forster, attorney, Bristol, first vice president; Raymond Wiese of Thiokol Chemical Corporation, second vice president; Rene Tritschler, business agent, Amalgamated Meat Cutter & Butcher Local 195, AFL-CIO Bucks County Council, secretary; Harold H. Hunter of Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company, treasurer.

Executive Committee

Elected as members of the board's executive committee in addition to the above officers were Mrs. Reba C. Goebig, Croydon; (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

14 Hurt, 3 Are Critical

GREELEY, Colo. (UPI) — A speeding passenger train crashed into a school bus at a rural crossing this morning.

Twenty children were killed. Fourteen others were hurt, three critically. The dead were taken to an unused National Guard Armory here. A spokesman at the Weld County Hospital here said its emergency room was filled with the injured.

The train, a Union Pacific streamliner nearly two hours late on its run toward Denver 60 miles south, crashed into the right rear of the bus in sub-zero temperatures. A witness who arrived shortly afterward said "the kids were strung all over the territory."

Greeley policeman Clarence Oliver said there were 20 bodies in the makeshift morgue at the armory.

The train hit the bus at the right rear, chopped off and demolished the rear section. Children — survivors and the dead and dying — were scattered over the frozen ground among seats, Christmas cards, bloody notebook paper, books, and parts of sack lunches. A girl's hair ribbon was found in the wreckage.

Wreckage was scattered more than 400 feet. The rear section of the bus was carried 455 feet down the right of way.

Authorities said the train was not derailed and had continued on to Denver. No one aboard the Union Pacific streamliner apparently was hurt, the state patrol said.

The patrol said the bus had picked up children from all but (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

It REALLY Was Cold-21

Lower Bucks shivered through the coldest night of the season last night.

The Weather Bureau at Trenton reported the temperature dipped to 21 degrees with even lower temperatures probably being recorded in nearby areas.

The rest of Pennsylvania was also being swept by the coldest weather so far.

Things are better, today, however, with a high of 35 predicted. The sun will shine and low overnight temperatures will not dip quite as low tonight, the weatherman said. Don't be surprised, though, if the overnight low again records in the 20s, he said.

The Woods Schools Has Visitor From Far East



Doctors Rick Heber (left) and Osamu Kan (second from right) look over day's program in treatment of mentally retarded children at The Woods Schools, Langhorne. Also pictured are Edward L. Johnstone Jr. (right), president of The Woods Schools, and Yukio Kawamoto interpreter from the State Department. (Courier-Times Photo)

Johnstones Entertain Japanese Visit To The Woods Schools Completes 35-Year Circle

By JIM STANTON
Courier-Times Staff Writer

A visit to The Woods Schools by a Japanese specialist in mental retardation yesterday brought to

full circle a similar visit made some 35 years ago.

Yesterday's visitor was Dr. Osamu Kan, director of the Japanese National Home for Retarded Chil-

dren near Tokyo. His host was Dr. Edward L. Johnstone Jr., president of The Woods Schools, Langhorne.

Some 35 years ago in Vineland, N.J., another Johnstone was paid a similar visit by a Japanese specialist in mental health.

The Johnstone, in this case was Dr. Edward Johnstone Sr., then director of the Vineland Training School. His guest was a Dr. Kawada, one of Japan's pioneers in mental health.

Shown Film Stills

Yesterday, Dr. Kan showed Johnstone Jr. film stills of his father and Dr. Kawada during the Japanese doctor's stay at Vineland.

Both physicians from the Far East had come to the United States to study how this country has attacked mental retardation on a national basis.

Dr. Kan is touring facilities for the mentally retarded at the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 5)

Girl Smells Smoke

Couple, 2 Children Flee Morning Fire

Flames which partially destroyed their Levittown home sent a Cobalt Ridge family of four fleeing into the street early this morning. No one was injured, but damage was estimated at \$2,000.

The fire, at the home of Donald Frame, 11 Canoebirch Road, destroyed the chimney area and partially damaged the bathroom and recreation room according to a spokesman for the William Penn Fire Company, Hulmeville, which was called to the home at 5:15 a.m.

Child Smells Smoke

Mr. and Mrs. Frame and their two children were alerted to the fire when one of the children, Tracy, 9, smelled smoke and ran

Canned Food Is Needed

How is the can situation in your home?

If you have any that are filled with food, the Bristol lodge of the Elks would like to get them.

The Elks are making up Christmas baskets for the needy and could use all sorts of canned foodstuffs. They may be taken to the Elks home, 340 Radcliffe St., Bristol, all day tomorrow and all day Monday or a telephone call to ST 8-2467 will bring someone to your house to pick them up.

'Needed Excitement' Boys Get Terms For Setting Cat Afire

Two Warminster Township boys who poured gasoline on a cat and set it afire were sentenced to confinement by Bucks County Judge Edwin H. Satterthwaite yesterday, while another accomplice was released on probation.

Judge Satterthwaite sentenced Raymond King, 15, to an indefinite term in Camp Hill Correctional Institution and Harry Patterson, 15, to an indefinite term in Luzerne County Industrial School, Kis-Lyn. Charles T. Meenan, 17, who had no prior juvenile court record, was released on indefinite probation.

All three youths live in Lacy Gardens, a low-rent housing de-

'61 Receipts 5 Times As Much As '60

The arrest of a Tullytown Justice of the Peace Nov. 28 on a charge of holding back county fines has resulted in a boom in fine money remitted to the county treasurer's office by the JPs, treasurer Raymond F. Bassett said today.

Justice of the Peace James V. Parto is awaiting a hearing on charges of keeping an estimated \$190 in county fines.

In the past month-and-a-half the county has received almost as much from the JP's as it did in the previous 10 months.

Since Dec. 1 county justices of the peace have turned in \$1,330 to the county treasurer, Bassett said. From Nov. 1, when the Parto investigation was underway, to Nov. 30 the treasurer received \$1,005 in county fines.

From Jan. 1 to Oct. 30, 1961 the county received \$2,502 in fines.

\$5,600 Last Year

Last year the county received about \$600 in fines.

By comparison, the amount of county fines remitted by the JP's to the county treasurer at the end of this year was five times as much as was turned in during the final months of 1960.

Only \$192 in November of '60

In contrast with the \$1,005 turned in last month, in November 1960 the treasurer received only \$192 in fines.

While \$1,330 was turned in during the first half of this month, only \$595 in fines was remitted in all of December 1960.

According to Bassett, the county fines he received in 1960 totaled \$5,594.67.

Bassett said Parto has sent the county \$710 in fine money since Dec. 1. At the time of the JP's arrest, Bassett reported he had (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Green Finds Bomb On Lawn

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — A piece of galvanized pipe, wired and fused and appearing to be a home-made bomb, was found today on the lawn of Rep. William J. Green's home at 9301 Frankford Ave.

Green discovered the bomb as he left his home shortly after 8:30 a.m. He said it was lying on the lawn near the driveway. A wire fuse had burned down to the pipe cap.

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Pathologist Testifies On Death Causes

By KENNETH J. RABEN
Courier-Times Staff Writer

CAMDEN, N.J. — Dr. Asher Yaguda, a consulting pathologist for Dr. Albert L. Weiner, testifying in Camden County Court this morning, indicated that he could not rule out or exclude viral hepatitis in many of the 15 death cases attributed to Dr. Weiner.

Dr. Yaguda has thus far discussed 11 of the 15 death cases that the State of New Jersey claims were caused by Dr. Weiner. In seven of these 11 cases, he said he cannot exclude viral hepatitis.

Among the 11 cases thus far discussed by the pathologist who has been certified in his field for 39 years, are those of four Lower Bucks County victims, Marjorie Atkins, Langhorne; and Ethel Neuman, George Lauer, and (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Dirksen Name Not Authorized

CHICAGO (UPI) — Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, Senate minority leader, said today he did not authorize the use of his name by a committee which has asked for money to aid Katanga "freedom fighters."

The committee, in a full-page advertisement in the New York Times, denounced United Nations "military aggression" against the Congo province and appealed for funds. The advertisement listed Dirksen as a sponsor.

"The use of my name... was unauthorized," Dirksen said. He said also he never saw the "statement" which was carried by the Times.

Santa Coming Early

If You Win COINWORD

Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus.

And for some Lower Bucks County residents he'll arrive early. In fact he'll come tomorrow, loaded down with \$550 in cash for the lucky winners in the

Courier-Times COINWORD puzzle contest.

Will you be among the lucky ones? Don't miss tomorrow's Courier-Times. In the meantime, turn to Page 19 for a new COINWORD puzzle.

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Give-A-Christmas Lacks \$1,111 Distribution To Start Monday For Needy

Goal \$2,000.00
Given today \$81.60
Given to date \$888.60
Still needed \$1,111.40

Distribution of clothing gift certificates, food commodities and other necessities will begin Monday when members of the Levittown Kiwanis Club start to Give-A-Christmas to needy Lower Bucks families.

A Kiwanis spokesman says that canned goods are being collected at Woodrow Wilson High School in Levittown and tomorrow the Kiwanians will begin to make up baskets.

"Here is \$2.60 from the tags," read one letter received this morning. "Here is \$1 from our spending money. All together there is \$3.60."

The letter was written in a child's hand and explained that Lenora and Lois Funk of 61 Redbrook Lane, Red Cedar, Levittown, had sold Christmas gift tags to raise money for Give-A-Christmas.

Karen, Kathleen, Bruce, Maurine and Mary Beth McCleery donated \$10 this morning. The McCleery children live at 39 Canal (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

Good Evening!

Grandma Moses quite a lady.

Her death at 101 yesterday mourned by all understanding how she restored a freshness to our perception of the American scene and heritage with her beautiful, colorful and imaginative rural landscapes.

And an amazing and beloved lady she was, too. She took up painting as a hobby late in her 70's and became one of our most famous artists, proving among other things, that life ever begins as you would have it begin.

Mercury below the 20's during the night and below the 30's during the day and for those who like the crisp, invigorating, shivery and downright freezing breezes everything dandy.

But we guess this is the time of the year for it. Winter arrives, officially, a week from today.

Heavens! You realize there are only eight more shopping days until?

John Spadaccino new president of the Lower Bucks County Hospital board and the directors could hardly have made a better choice.

A busy gentleman, is John, giving much over the years to the welfare and interests of the people of Bucks County through his work with many of our welfare, relief and labor organizations.

New York's Gov. Rockefeller denies he has any intention of quitting his job and getting out of politics, as reported all over the country yesterday.

Says he, the rumors were the fabrications of some of his political enemies. Maybe so. We'll see what we see.

A lot of folks are waiting to see what they'll see come Sunday when the Giants and Browns have a little robust get-together and the Eagles tangle with the Lions to keep their fading chances alive.

Next it would be if both the Browns and Eagles win. But, somehow, we've learned to have much respect for Y.A. Title, Charley Conerly and their playmates.

We must have respect, too, for both our plumbers and our philosophers, or neither our pipes nor our theories will hold water.

Life is much like Christmas—you are more likely to get what you expect than what you want.

Watch your driving.

Steel Firm, Center File Tax Appeals

The tax assessments of two large Lower Bucks real estate parcels, the Fairless Works of U.S. Steel Corp. and the Country Club Shopping Center, are being newly appealed in Bucks County Court.

U.S. Steel Corp. has petitioned to appeal as too high the assessment placed on the Fairless Works for 1962 real estate taxes, \$32,752,340. The Bucks County Commissioners, sitting as board of assessment and revision of taxes, upheld the figure after the steel firm appealed.

For tax purposes, property is assessed at 30 per cent of its fair market value.

Called Too Low
The U.S. Steel petition noted that the court has before it appeals from the assessments on the plant in 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961. Up until this year the Falls Township School Board and supervisors have appealed the steel plant assessment as too low.

Middletown Township is appealing the action of the county tax board, reducing the assessment on the Country Club Shopping Center, in that township, from \$585,140 for 1960 to \$533,100 and then to \$451,800. A hearing will be held Jan. 18.

Distribution

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Road, Cobalt Ridge, Levittown.

Another children's gift was received from Kathleen, Coleen and Kevin Quinlan. They gave \$3. Two anonymous contributions of \$1 and \$5 came this morning from Levittown, and another anonymous gift was received from Fallsington in the amount of \$2.

Businesses Contribute
Two businesses gave a total of \$15 today. Andy's Automotive Supplies of 236 John Fitch Way, Trenton gave \$10, and The Country Lass Shop, 4 Pond St., Bristol gave \$5.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Snyder of Edgely donated \$10, and the same amount was contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Rene Tritschler of 229 Belmont Ave., Croydon.

Ida G. Becker gave \$3, and Mrs. James Booz, 5900 Mill Creek Road, Levittown, made out a check for \$4.

The Hugh B. Eastburn III Unit of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary donated \$3.

Ke and Dean Mason of 55 Quaker Hill Road, Levittown, chipped in with \$5, and \$2 came from the Fred Nichols family, 5 Cameo Place, Levittown.

Christmas Message
A Christmas card inscribed with the message "May peace and love and joy abide in your heart this Christmastide" came from Jennifer and John Angier.

Inside the card was a check for \$5 made out to "Give-A-Christmas."

Today's donors are:

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The McCleery Children	\$10
The Quinlan Children	\$3
Anonymous	\$5
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Auxiliary	\$3
Anonymous	\$1
Lenora and Lois Funk	\$3.60

Shop-A-Rama Adds Late Hours

As a shopping convenience to the public, the Board of Directors of the Levittown Businessmen's Association announced today that the Shop-A-Rama, located at Route 13 and the Levittown Park way, will remain open Tuesday evening Dec. 26, and Tuesday evening Jan. 2 until 9 p.m.

All 60 stores which comprise the merchandise center will increase their personnel so that the excellent service will continue for these additional evenings, the LBA said.

Births

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Pathologist Gives Deaths Testimony

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Mrs. Miriam McManamon, all of Levittown.

Diagnosis Follows, Others

Dr. Yaguda's diagnosis, in answer to a hypothetical question on each death case posed him by Chief Defense Counsel Louis Pantages, seems to follow those given by some of the state experts.

Some court observers were surprised when Dr. Yaguda indicated that he could not rule out viral hepatitis in some of the death cases. Camden County Prosecutor Norman Heine had planned to conduct a vigorous cross-examination of Dr. Yaguda following the lunch recess.

The pathologist who testified for the state was Dr. Hans Popper, a renowned expert in the pathology of liver. He unequivocally said that on the basis of his examination of the liver tissues of those who died, they suffered from viral hepatitis. Dr. Popper said he could determine this by examining the liver alone.

But Dr. Yaguda said one must examine all body organs and take into account other factors such as the clinical history and laboratory reports.

One By One
Pantages took the cases one by one in his question, starting with the first to die, Joseph Brooks of Philadelphia.

It is hypothetical question included Dr. Weiner's office records, hospital charts and records, autopsy reports and official death certificates in the Brooks case and similarly in the other 14 cases.

In addition Pantages read a complicated, lengthy and technical medical description of the findings in the Brooks case.

Phosphorus Poisoning
Dr. Yaguda said that in his opinion the Brooks death was caused by phosphorus poisoning, basing this on the entire picture in the hypothetical question.

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Fatty degeneration of the heart, lungs and brain, as well as irritation of the esophagus led him to the diagnosis, he said.

"On the basis of all the facts in the case, this is phosphorus poisoning and not acute serum hepatitis," he said.

Another death, that of Mrs. Marjorie Atkins of Lower Bucks County, was caused by alcoholic liver broken down possibly by such factors as a toxic drug or terminal pneumonia.

Entire Picture
A look at a liver itself, Dr. Yaguda declared, cannot tell what caused its breakdown. Such a diagnosis must take in the entire picture, he said, including reports and findings from pathological and clinical standpoints.

This was in direct contradiction to testimony given by state experts who said that examination of the liver itself was most significant in diagnosing liver disease.

14 Hurt

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four families. It was enroute to the Delta Elementary School at the time of the accident, at about 8:15 a.m. MST.

A radio newsman, Larry Cooper of Station KFKA in Greeley, said he had counted 10 bodies.

The Weld County Hospital here said it had at least 30 children in an "emergency room full of injured students."

Ambulances were rushed to the scene to take the injured children to the hospital and administer first aid.

The accident happened at about 8:15 a.m., the patrol said.

Details of the accident were not immediately known, but the patrol said its officers were at the scene making a full investigation.

The crash occurred on a paved Weld County road crossing. There were no flashing signals at the crossing, but it was marked. Cooper reported wreckage was strewn across the tracks. Authorities were searching the main part of the bus for bodies or injured persons.

Boys Get

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set the cat on fire Nov. 12 near their homes. The burning cat was found, with its legs broken, by a passing motorist who put out the flames. But the animal had to be destroyed.

King said it was his idea to burn the cat, but denied his statement to police that he lit the fire. He said they did it because "we were bored and had nothing to do." Patterson said he lit the gasoline-soaked cat.

The boys denied breaking the cat's legs.

John T. Scheidt, manager and agent of the Bucks County SPCA, said he talked to the three boys and got statements similar to those given to Burke.

"Needed Excitement"
"They said they did it for lack of something better to do," Scheidt said, "and because they needed excitement. They have family pets and they seem to be fond of them."

Meehan was in Bucks County Prison Nov. 27 to Dec. 1 while awaiting the hearing.

Judge Satterthwaite told the trio: "All three of you are equally guilty as far as I'm concerned."

Levittown Man Hurt In Crash

Robert Gurin, 43, of 10 Freedom Lane, Levittown, is being held for observation today in Lower Bucks County Hospital after the car he was driving ran off the road at the intersection of Oaktree Drive and Mill Creek Parkway at 2 o'clock this morning.

Bristol Township police were unable to talk with Gurin to determine how the accident happened. An estimated \$300 damage was done to Gurin's auto.

Officer Frank Moffett of the Bristol Township force investigated.

Gurin was taken to the hospital by the Levittown - Fairless Hills Rescue Squad.

\$5 Awarded For News Tip

Edward Hügendorf, 39 Lower Morrisville Road, Morrisville Rd., is the Courier-Times \$5 news tip winner for last week. This week's winner will be announced next week.

If you have a nose for news, get into the swing of things and compete in the Courier-Times weekly contest. If you have a news tip call Windsor 5-1000. You may be a winner. Don't delay with your call. Only the first call on each tip is entered for judging.

If this happens, voters in the

Third Class Bucks County Will Mean Many Changes

FOP Officers Receive Plaques



These outgoing officers of the Fraternal Order of Police received plaques for their year's service in office. New officers were elected last night. Outgoing officers are: (from left, first row) Clifton Morris, recording secretary; Fred Chubb, guard;

Henry Kleckner, trustee; William Kershaw, president; (second row, from left) George C. Egly Jr., treasurer; Aaron Kelton, vice president; John Walterick, trustee. (Courier-Times Photo)

'Lucky' Boy Plays Hooky

NEW YORK (UPI)—John Edwards' case of playing hooky wound up in the United Nations, and that's how he was found out. The 17-year-old Manhattan, N.Y., high school senior turned out to be the one-millionth person to buy a ticket for a tour of U.N. headquarters this year, and his plans for a secret visit while cutting classes Wednesday collapsed in the glare of publicity.

John was pulled out of line and photographed, interviewed, taken to the delegates' dining room for lunch, introduced to Andrew W. Cordier, under-secretary for General Assembly affairs, and taken on a private tour of the United Nations and the normally off-limits executive offices. Additionally he was given a gift from the souvenir shop.

U.N. officials had been waiting eagerly for ticket 1,000,000 to pop up when John and classmate Michael Unger walked in. John bought it and his hooky escapade was exposed.

School Principal Mrs. Susan Crane said she saw the humor in the situation. So, too, did John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards of Plandome, N.Y., but with reservations.

"We haven't decided whether we will discipline him," said Mrs. Edwards. "And we have made it very clear to him we do not approve his playing hooky."

Gallagher's District Plan Opposed By Senator Keller

State Senator Marvin V. Keller (R., Bucks) said this week that he opposes Assemblyman James J. A. Gallagher's (D., Bucks) plan to make Bucks County an independent congressional district.

Keller stated that Bucks should continue to receive congressional representation in conjunction with Lehigh County.

Guest Speaker
Keller was guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Bucks County Chamber of Commerce.

Stanley Carter, chairman of the legislative committee, introduced Keller as a man who "represents the principles established when Pennsylvania ratified the federal Constitution on Dec. 12, 1787."

"I feel that Senator Keller has served Bucks County well in the state senate," Carter said, "and I would like to see him go higher."

Keller reviewed the need for reapportionment of congressional districts under the terms of federal law.

He reminded the group the deadline is Feb. 20, 1962.

If this deadline is not met, Pennsylvania will elect its 27 federal representatives in a general, statewide election.

Top 27 Names
If this happens, voters in the

Visit To

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specific request of President John F. Kennedy.

Accompanying him was Dr. Rick Heber, young University of Wisconsin specialist, recently appointed by Kennedy as Research Director of the President's Panel on Mental Retardation.

Singular Honor

The Woods Schools was honored as the only private school in this country visited by Doctors Heber and Kan.

Dr. Kan, his face wreathed by a characteristic smile of the East, recalled the years after World War II when he was director of a mental hospital near Tokyo. Dr. Kan spoke through an interpreter, Yukio Kawamoto, of the State Department.

"A suggestion by an American naval officer gave me a new insight on how to treat mental retardation," Dr. Kan said.

The naval officer told him that retardation was treated as a separate mental illness in America. Dr. Kan said. Up to that time, persons mentally retarded had been grouped in the same hospitals with patients with other mental diseases, he said.

Behind U.S. Program

"We plan to establish residential school settings like here at the Woods Schools," Dr. Kan said. "But I think we are some 20 years behind the program here in the United States."

Before returning to Japan the end of this month, Dr. Kan will visit a number of other public and private facilities and institutions of higher learning.

Yesterday, he and Dr. Heber were conducted by Johnstone on an extensive tour of the Woods Schools.

For Snow Removal

Taxpayers To Foot Middletown Bill

By DAN STUDEBAKER

Courier-Times Staff Writer

Middletown Township taxpayers will again foot much of the bill for snow clearance on state highways within the township if snows this year are heavy.

This was made apparent at a meeting of township supervisors last night. Harry Bisco, township highway superintendent, explained that township workmen and equipment hired at township expense cleared 41 of the 60 miles of state highways within the municipality's borders during the heavy snows last year.

He said the same thing would happen again this year according to plans of the state authorities for snow clearance in 1962.

To Clear Only Main Roads

The state, Bisco said, plans to clear only main routes such as Routes 1 and 413. Other state roads such as Trenton, Hulmeville, and Woodbourne, will again be left up to the township, since they are considered by the state to be secondary roads, or "farm" roads as Bisco stated it.

Last year, the state paid the township "about \$2,300" for snow removal in the township. The actual cost was \$3,500, Bisco said. The \$2,300 represents the top contract price awarded to a municipality for snow clearance by the state highway department, Bisco reported.

Last year the township had

a contract, at the top price, calling for clearance of only 22 miles of state highways. Last night the township supervisors proposed that the same contract be entered into between the township and state.

To Call Council Discussion
Patrick Shields, chairman of the board of supervisors and, also, chairman of the Lower Bucks Regional Cooperation Council, said he would soon call a meeting of the council to discuss the situation. The council is made up of representatives of five Lower Bucks municipalities.

Bisco said the state highway department claims some Lower Bucks municipalities took advantage of their snow clearance contracts with the state last year. The state claims the municipalities took the money from the state, but did no work on state roads within their borders, according to Bisco.

Abuse From Residents
Bisco said township road crews received a great deal of abuse from residents last year as they attempted to clear state roads.

"They said we were late and were pretty outraged about it," Bisco added. "They didn't realize we weren't responsible for most of those roads and were clearing them as a pure necessity — and at a loss to township taxpayers."

Besides proposing the snow clearance contract to the state, supervisors last night authorized a commendation to the Bucks County commissioners for purchase of Playwick Park for use as a county park. Attorney Myron Harris who represented Middletown Township in proposing the purchase, will also be commended. The county will be asked to absorb the township from any cost-sharing plan that may have been proposed for purchase of the park.

Accept Ott's Resignation

In other action, the supervisors accepted the resignation of Howard Ott, of Parkland, as township auditor. Ott reported he was moving to New Jersey.

The supervisors also decided to file a formal complaint with PUC against the Pennsylvania Railroad underpass on Woodbourne Road. The township wants the road redesigned in the area of the underpass. The severe corner and small leeway permitted by the underpass precludes truck traffic from using the road, supervisors contend. The lack of a through road interferes with development of the township's proposed industrial park, they say.

Seek Traffic Interchange

The township is also communicating with the state highway department, asking it to construct a traffic interchange in the area of the present underpass when the extension of the superhighway is built.

The supervisors decided to advertise the ten per cent amusement tax at their second meeting in January.

Real Estate Tax Hike, Pay Raises

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Bucks County's emergence as a third class county Jan. 1 will bring some changes, including, possibly, a real estate tax hike.

However, because another tax is to be dropped there may be no change in the amount of taxes paid.

The real estate tax rate increase is likely because Bucks, as a third class county, will have to drop the 8-mill occupation tax it now receives. The general and institution district tax rates on county real estate now total 7.5 mills.

Third class status will entitle Bucks County to employ a full time paid fire marshal. County Solicitor Samuel S. Gray Jr., is investigating the legality of a countywide fire code in a third class county. The county commissioners are already arranging for the district attorney's office to operate a countywide police radio network.

Tax Board Separate

Probably the most important change will affect the county board of assessment and revision of taxes. Now manned by the county commissioners, the tax board will be separate and oversee the tax assessment program.

There will be no local assessors after Dec. 3.

The county commissioners had hoped to dispose of the assessment job Jan. 1, 1961 by having Gov. David Lawrence certify that Bucks County, with a 1960 population of 308,567, had more than 250,000 persons. The certification, however, did not arrive.

5th Judge in 1963

Bucks has the necessary population for a separate orphans court and a fifth judge, but the State Legislature has failed to give it one. There can be no fifth judge now until 1963.

The salaries of county officials elected Nov. 7 will be considerably larger than those of their predecessors.

District Attorney Paul R. Beckert and Sheriff Harold Dando, now each drawing \$6,000 a year, will get, respectively, \$11,250 and \$10,400. LeRoy D. Evans will be prothonotary for \$9,600. Outgoing Prothonotary Lenox B. Markley gets \$6,000.

Other Pay Hikes
The \$6,000 offices of recorder of deeds and county controller will also rise in pay. W. Donald Heremann, who will succeed Walter Scheetz as recorder, will get \$9,600. The office of controller will pass from Howard G. Krupp to William R. Cameron, for \$10,500.

Judges Edward G. Biester, Edwin H. Satterthwaite, John P. Fullam and Lawrence A. Monroe will get pay increases, halfway through 1962, from \$22,000 to \$25,000. All but Judge Satterthwaite will be starting new terms.

The new jury commissioners, Mrs. Marion Baum and Mrs. Florence Fontana, will each get \$1,500 a year. Their predecessors, Mary B. Keller and Helen Cliver, earn \$550.

New Costs
Increased office fees will help pay some of the new costs that come with a third class county. In the prothonotary's office, for example, fees will be raised an average of 25 per cent.

There will be some salary boosts for the appointed county workers, if the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Economy League are followed. And if the commissioners so choose, they can close the courthouse all day Saturday, giving the workers a full weekend of rest.

Weather

B-R-R: GOING TO BE COLD
High today: 34
Low tonight: 25
High yesterday: 47
Overnight low: 21
Sunset tonight: 4:34 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:14 a.m.

Forecast: Sunny today, but cold. It will be partly cloudy tonight, with continued cold through tomorrow. Tomorrow's high is expected to be 35.

Tomorrow's Tides
At Bristol*

Low: 3:53 a.m. High: 9:17 a.m.
Low: 4:20 p.m. High: 9:46 p.m.

—for the tides at Morrisville add 15 minutes for high tide and 45 minutes for low tide.